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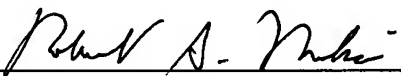
By the present Preliminary Amendment, certain revisions have been made throughout the specification, such as the designation of polymer (I-a) in paragraphs [0083] and [0088] consistent with the description in paragraph [0045], the correction of the repeating unit reference letter consistent with the formula in paragraph [0096] and claim 6, the correction of the "R" number in paragraph [0223] and the revision of various example numbers and information in certain examples. The abstract has also been revised so that it is in-line with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b) and MPEP §608.01(b). Finally, all multiple dependency has been eliminated from the original claims and the referenced subject matter of claim 2 has been added to claims 9 and 11 so that they refer to only a single claim. It is to be understood that the revisions to the claims are solely for formalistic purposes and not with regard to patentability and that applicants reserve the right to pursue claims directed to other aspects of the invention encompassed by the original multiple dependent claims or described in the specification.

Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

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